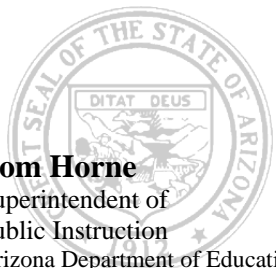




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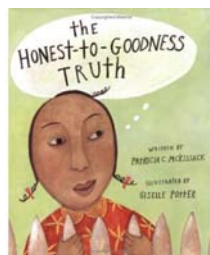
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TRUSTWORTHINESS October 2007

For Teachers

Reading

Is there such a thing as being *too* honest? Check out *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth* by Pat McKissack. Recommended Ages 4-8



Writing

Have your students write about their own personal Heroes of Character. Click [HERE](#) to print a template. Make it more meaningful by asking students to bring in photos of their heroes if possible to share with their classmates.

For Parents

Feel free to copy and paste the following excerpt to share with parents...

Trustworthiness is being honest, keeping promises and being loyal. Trustworthy people don't lie, cheat or steal. They have the moral courage to do the right thing and stand up for their beliefs even when it is hard to do. **Teach, advocate and model** trustworthiness for your children by sharing stories about times in your own life in which you displayed honesty, loyalty and moral courage even when it was difficult. This is a simple yet powerful way to show your children that you value good character!

Click [HERE](#) for more information to share with parents!

What's New?

Promising Practices in Character Education Award!

Show your school pride by sharing your character education successes. Your school will be eligible to receive \$100 and statewide recognition.

Applying is easy!
Click [HERE](#) for application.
Due November 30th

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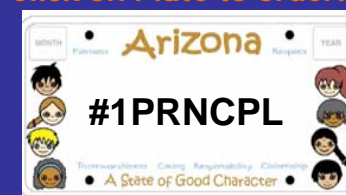
\$500 Mini-Grants
Click [HERE](#) for application!
Due October 15!

Training and Materials

Click [HERE](#) to schedule an in-service training for your school today!
One-on-one and small group planning assistance also available.

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"A State of Good Character"
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Click on Plate to order!



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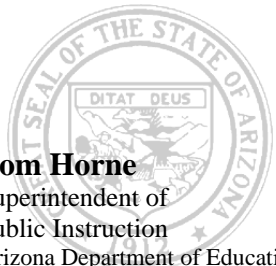


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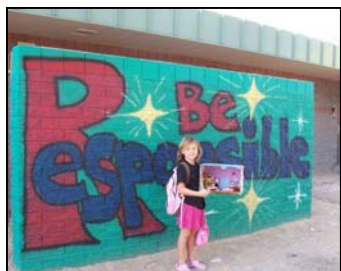
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What a T.R.R.F.C.C. School!



Diamondback Elementary School, located in beautiful Bullhead City, is home to 560 K-5th grade students with T.R.R.F.C.C. Character! Students celebrate character all year round with creative activities that highlight the importance of Character Education.

The first picture highlights the cement walls that cover the air conditioning units by each grade area. The 5th grade teams of students set out with a variety of designs and once approved by the CHARACTER COUNTS! team began obtaining the needed supplies and painted their drawings. Each year the walls change with new designs by the current fifth grade class.



This year, the school has celebrated patriotism and citizenship by covering the entire perimeter with American flags. Each flag is marked with a plaque honoring the local men and women currently serving our country. Families within the community come up to see their son's or daughter's flag and take pictures. It is truly a remarkable site and one that connects this school to the community through citizenship and respect.



The last picture highlights the portable CHARACTER COUNTS! display that is in the auditorium / gym. Each month, a specific grade level of students write essays highlighting each trait. Their essays are displayed on the board and the top twelve are honored with their picture and the essay judged. The best of the best is presented with a bicycle. It is the focal point for all children to see what is happening with CHARACTER COUNTS! at the school.

*Buffy Moreno and Joe Buzzelli
Diamondback Elementary, Bullhead City*

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Email us at
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or call 602-542-1762

NEWS FLASH: Long-running Arizona Writing Contest Chooses Character as its Theme!

We're pleased to announce that this year's "Polly" Rosenbaum Writing Contest, sponsored by APS and the Arizona Educational Foundation, will have character as its theme!

"How the Character of Arizona's Youth Affects Arizona's Future"

Seize this opportunity to help students improve their writing and communication skills while reflecting on character! Additional benefits to your students include:

- Creative writing assignment for the real-world
- Opportunity to attend Statehood Day celebration at State Capitol
- Students can apply the Arizona Six-Trait Writing Rubric
- Opportunity to meet state legislators
- Opportunity to win prizes

For details on eligibility, entry instructions, prizes and judging criteria, click on the link below:

<http://www.azedfoundation.org/polly-rosenbaum.html>

"Don't compromise yourself. You're all you've got."
Janis Joplin